

NDE Bulletin
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ESEA (NCLB) Title I Schoolwide Project Self-Review for 2009-10 (Due May 1)

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Each Title I Schoolwide building that did not participate in the schoolwide peer reviews during the week of April 12-16, is required to submit evidence that a committee has been involved in the review process to determine whether the Title I schoolwide plan is addressing the school's needs. This information was emailed to building principals in February and is **due to the NDE Title I Office by May 1, 2010**. A copy of the memo and list of schools required to submit the self-review information is available at the following link: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/TITLEI/schoolwide.htm>

ESEA/NCLB Nonpublic Participation Forms for 2010-11 (Due MAY 15)

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Information regarding the nonpublic participation consultation was emailed to all superintendents and those on the Title I listserv on Wednesday, April 7th. A number of the emails were returned as undeliverable so the information has been posted on both the NDE Federal Programs webpage: Non-Public Schools & NCLB (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nonpublicschinfo.htm>) and the NDE Title I webpage: Nonpublic School Information (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/TITLEI/nonpublicschoolinfo.htm>).

ESEA/ARRA Waivers

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Nebraska is seeing approval of waivers for certain ESEA/ARRA requirements : Title I requirement to notify parents of their public school options at least 14 days before the start of the school year (this timeline might not be possible with the transition to NeSA Reading); Waiver regarding inclusion of 9th graders in the graduation cohort in Nebraska; allowing a district to serve as an Supplemental Educational Services (SES) provider to schools identified in that district; and allowing a district to offer SES in the first year of school improvement. Public Comment is welcome on any or all of these waiver requests and must be submitted by May 3, 2010.

Comment Sought on the draft Nebraska Science Standards

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The draft of the revised Nebraska Science Standards will be available for public comment from April 26 – May 10. All schools are encouraged to participate in this process by reviewing the draft and completing the science survey through the following web address:

www.education.ne.gov/science/documents/StandardsSurveyHomepage.html

On this site you will find the following four pieces of information: 1)a video explaining the format the design of the draft science standards, 2) a power point which corresponds to the explanatory video, 3)the actual draft of the science standards, and 4)a link to the survey in which to provide input on the draft standards.

NSSRS 2010-2011

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The 2010-2011 NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Calendar.htm>) and instruction manuals (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>) were published April 21, 2010. The eScholar Data Source Templates (Version 12.0), highlighted for use in Nebraska, are now available on the NSSRS Secured Information website. Key changes for 2010-2011 include:

1. Student Grades template collected for first time
2. Year-end Student Snapshot template will no longer be collected
3. Assessment Fact (for STARS) template will no longer be collected
4. New race/ethnicity codes collected for the first time for both students and staff

Please refer to the "Change Summary" in Appendix A of each manual for an itemized list of changes. The "NSSRS 2010-2011: What's New" session at the 2010 Nebraska Data Conference will provide an overview of these NSSRS changes for the 2010-2011 school year.

NSSRS Validation: Expected Graduation Year Lookup

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The "Expected Graduation Year Lookup" tool will become available within NSSRS Validation on Tuesday, April 27. All students who transfer into a district in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 must be assigned an Expected Graduation Year [Student:Expected Graduation Timeframe (53)]. For high school students previously served by a Nebraska school, the NDE "Expected Graduation Year Lookup" tool provides the Expected Graduation Year for a particular NDE Student ID as determined by the first Nebraska school serving the student in a high school grade (i.e. grades 9, 10, 11 or 12). The Expected Graduation Year provided by this tool is the statewide value all Nebraska districts must use for this student.

2010 Nebraska Data Conference

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The 2010 Nebraska Data Conference is scheduled for May 17-18, 2010. The conference will begin on Monday, May 17 at 1:00 PM with a presentation by Commissioner Breed. The conference will wrap up mid afternoon on Tuesday, May 18. We are now accepting registrations on the conference website at <http://nedatapartnership.org/>. Also, the following organizations will host post-conference users' group meetings from 2:30 to 5:00 on May 18.

- GoEduStar (phostetler@harriscomputer.com or 800-456-4685, ask for Pam)
- PowerSchool
- Infinite Campus (mriviera@cicesp.com or 800-437-7457)
- JMC Software (sean@jmcinc.com or 800-524-8182 Ext. 2)
- Student Reporting System (srshelp@esu1.org or 402-471-1674)

New Race/Ethnicity Reporting

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NDE has received questions concerning whether an individual who answers "Yes" to the ethnicity question (Hispanic: yes or no) must identify themselves as belonging to a racial group. The answer is

“yes”, everyone must identify themselves as belonging to at least one of the race categories. An individual may choose more than one race.